



City of Powell, Ohio
City Council

MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Jon Bennehoof on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:32 p.m. City Council members present included Jon Bennehoof, Frank Bertone, Tom Counts, Brian Lorenz, Brendan Newcomb, Melissa Riggins and Daniel Swartwout. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Eugene Hollins, Law Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk and interested parties.

OPEN SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Bennehoof opened the citizen participation session for items not included on the agenda. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public comment session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 6, 2018 minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt the minutes of March 6, 2018. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, the minutes were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item

- [Departmental Reports – February 2018](#)

Action Requested

Receipt of Electronic Reports

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y: 7 N: 0

PRESENTATION: Student Painters Program, by *Jonathan Finn and Matt Harvey, General Manager for the Ohio and Kentucky Division.*

Student Painters has been in existence for about 40 years and offers business internships to college freshman/sophomores over the summer by training them to run a live exterior painting service business to the public. The program provides consumers with free, no obligation quotes for exterior painting services which the student and his employees perform over the summer. This helps the student gain experience and gives them an advantage in future internships in their junior and senior years, as well as real-world experience in business.

Mayor Bennehoof: Are the people that you hire also students?

Mr. Finn: Yes. I am actually in the process of hiring those people. Most of the people are high school seniors or college students. We do provide professional training to all those students that are hired.

Mayor Bennehoof: Is your primary internship pool painters of today interns of tomorrow?

Mr. Harvey: It does happen, but not a lot. Most move on to internships elsewhere, but many have had the advantage, through experience with this program, to move into those internships earlier than they may have otherwise.

SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2018-09: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018. (EX. A) - Tabled from March 6, 2018.

Steve Lutz, City Manager: This is the appropriation of funding for MurphyEpson to help develop, implement, and provide an educational program to inform the public about our Citizens Financial Review Task Force. As you are all aware, there was quite a bit of discussion in committee, the goal setting session, and at Council meetings on this subject. At the last Council meeting, this item was tabled. Since then, Frank, Tom, Dan and I met with Marie Keister of MurphyEpson and talked to her about some of the concerns that have been voiced by Council. She is going to prepare another proposal for us to consider which we can bring forward at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Bennehoof opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to table Ordinance 2018-09 to a time certain of the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 2, 2018. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y: 7 N: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: Next Meeting: April 2, 2018, 6:30 p.m. We are going to be conducting some interviews for the Citizen Representative of our committee as well as a review of our goals and some quick-hitting efforts that we would like to get accomplished before mid-year.

Finance Committee: Next Meeting: April 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. We will also be interviewing perspective candidates for our Citizen Representative. We might have someone from the audit group that is auditing our records join us as well.

Operations Committee: Next Meeting: March 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m. We had a very busy evening tonight. We conducted our interviews for our Citizen Representative and we still need to discuss who the committee recommends.

This morning we were given a schedule from CSX of road closures beginning next week and I think Steve will hand that schedule out to everyone. They will have road closures in order to repair the at-grade crossings. Seldom Seen is up first and then Liberty St. and Olentangy St. The Committee has asked Staff to go talk to CSX about modifying the schedule due to Spring break (you will notice the Liberty Street crossing is proposed to take the most time) and ask for some financial assistance for signage, communications, and possibly for expenditures that we might need to assess for officers to help direct traffic. We feel that our requests will probably fall on deaf ears, but it's the least they can do since they gave us such little notice.

Mr. Lutz also informed Council that this was part of a national rail improvement program and they are working their way up the line, prior to April 30th, from Columbus to just north of Delaware to improve each rail crossing. These intersection repairs need to be in place before CSX can make the remaining track repairs.

We also talked about the charging stations. They are ready to go and we have a plan where they will be located at City Hall, probably within the month.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Next Meeting: April 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Powell CIC: Next Meeting: April 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Our agenda is pending, but we will have some items.

Powell Citizen Financial Review Task Force: Next Meeting: March 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Because of next week's Olentangy Spring break, the Task Force moved up their monthly meeting to tomorrow night. As requested, we have been circulating minutes from the three subcommittees to you as they come in.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Today work started on Seldom Seen Park. It is always good to see some site work taking place.

2. I spoke to Saperstein & Associates this afternoon and, as of that time, they had completed 393 of the 400 surveys. Mr. Saperstein was hoping to have the final 7 surveys completed tonight to get a report ready to present to Council in the near future.
3. Brian reported on the CSX railroad track closing.
4. Something that Karen [Mitchell, City Clerk] brought to our attention is our first City Council meeting in July is scheduled for July 3rd. As we are aware, July 3rd around Central Ohio is usually a night celebrated with fireworks. We were wondering if it would be prudent to move that meeting to either Monday, July 2nd or Thursday, July 5th. We are not recommending postponing that meeting because the Citizen Financial Task Force will be presenting their report and review to Council at that time. *[The City Manager will send out a reminder email so Council can review their respective calendars].*

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilman Newcomb: I have an item. I propose that we pass a resolution calling on the Ohio General Assembly to enact a ban on semi-automatic, assault-style weapons.

Mayor Bennehoof: I believe that all resolutions ought to go through committee first. I think perhaps Operations would be the appropriate place for that.

Councilman Lorenz: I think you are probably right. I think I would probably want an interpretation from Gene [Hollins, Law Director] because this is probably one of those items that Council as a whole should weigh in on before it starts going up a pipeline. Our agenda is pretty full with items and that is an interesting subject. I don't know enough about Mr. Newcomb's proposal to talk about it one way or the other, but I feel it may be one of those things that Council, as a whole, should weigh in on as to whether they want to have a committee's time be invested in that. Gene?

Councilman Counts: I would request that we see this resolution. I've not seen it so I really can't speak to it in terms of what is the appropriate way of dealing with it. I'd like to see it and have time to reflect on it first.

[The Clerk passed out copies of the proposed resolution]

Mr. Hollins: The first step under any circumstance is that it would go to me for approval as to form, and I completed that review. At that point, it is appropriate for placement on your agenda (which would be the next meeting) and from there, Council, as with any other introduced ordinance, would have within its discretion, [the ability] to refer it to committee or do a reading, etc. Why don't we place it on the agenda for the next meeting and I will provide you with a written memo as well.

Mayor Bennehoof: I'd like to thank Steve, Megan [Canavan, Communications Director], who is working part time from home, and Karen for helping me prepare for the State of the City address at the Powell Greater Area Chamber this evening. It was a pleasure. I think it was pretty well received and I don't know that it was because of my delivery. I think the content was well put together and I appreciate that. It was a nice event and I was honored to be asked to be there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: O.R.C. SECTION 121.22(G)(3) LEGAL MATTERS.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved at 7:57 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(3) Personnel Matters. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

Councilman Lorenz did not attend Executive Session.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn from Executive Session into Open Session. Councilman Swartwout seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED: April 2, 2018

Jon C. Bennehoof
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Mayor

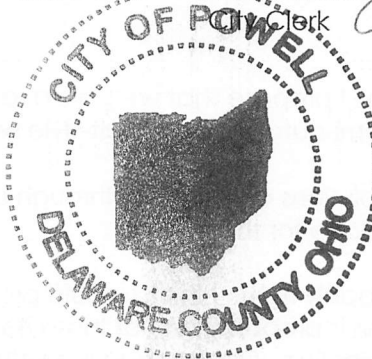
Date

4/17/2018
Date

Karen J. Mitchell
Karen J. Mitchell
City Clerk

Date

4/18/2018
Date



City Council

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